

Parish Council
Saints Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2015

Attendance Father Rick, Travis, Lance, Marie, Linda, Tony, Dave U., Chris U., Elizabeth T., David R., David T., Jim, Nancy, Michelle, Jane

Minutes from all meetings are posted on the parish web site.

Open the meeting with the prayer “Heavenly King... “ (Should have sung “Christ is Risen”).

We talked about the three working councils as described below.

1. **Pastoral Advisory** Council – This group will help Father by advising him on decisions, concerns, planning ahead, and the general direction of the church in Cary.
Sallie, Michelle, Linda, Patti, Dave K., Elizabeth M.
2. **Apostolic Coordinating** Council – This group helps with feast days, upkeep, parish life, outreach, visiting sick, education, facilities & property, everything we do at church.
Jim, Travis, Dave R., Matt, Tony, Cathryn, Nancy, George, Jane, Mary Ann, Cathryn, Elizabeth T., George, John, Michelle, Dave U., Juan, Paul
3. **Finance** Council – This group will have two main functions; disbursement of money, and fundraising.
Lily, Nancy, Dave K., Donna, Lance, Marie, Lois

People have signed up for one or two of these groups.

We announced the plan for two-way communication between the 10-o'clock and 2-o'clock liturgy groups. BUT, integrating the two groups so that we can act as one will be too difficult because of the language issue. David Rinehart will serve as liaison.

The yellow house next door for sale sign is gone. Nancy will try to contact the owner to see if it is still for sale.

Needs:

- Septic pipes at church need replacing.
- Rectory toilets stop flushing for 5 days whenever there is heavy rain.

NEW Agenda items-

Nancy handed out a financial report on the 2015 Pascha Market.

The only fundraisers will be Christmas and Pascha Markets. We need better tithing to support the church.

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Has Father Rick been able to remove items/consolidate into one from the two storage units so that only one unit needs to be paid for? No, but he suggests we put a floor in the attic above the church and organize our things better there. Someone said that some payments cannot be eliminated, and the storage is one of those.

Jane got approval to spend the Women's Group \$100 on see through storage containers for the attic. Jane and Rachel Blair are working on organizing the attic.

Also church cleaning and grounds maintenance came up. Michelle said she will begin implementing the plan for everyone to have a turn cleaning the church soon.

Any movement on straightening out the phone/internet of the parish? We need a better computing environment.

Can we get an idea of what grounds/building maintenance, social, education, and outreach projects are priority and put them into the budget for the current year?

- The radio station in trailer-2 will happen soon.
- Father Rick knows someone who can give an estimate of the cost of The Swap, which is the swapping of the church and hall. We might want to convert the church into a full commercial kitchen and hall big enough for the Holy Supper, while extending the current hall roof to make a church. Also we can harvest the trees at the eparchy farm for post & beam construction.

Also Linda said the Society of Catholic Daughters want to help our parish, so we should give them a list of things which need to be done.

The Birth Choice sign in front of church was taken down and needs to be put back up.

Anything need to be done in regards to July 2016 World Youth Day in Poland?
World Family Day, Pope's visit to US in September?

How has our parish fared in collections over the first quarter of this year? Donations are down compared to last year.

We'll also need to start planning the Christmas Market, so we will meet once/mo. First Christmas Market 2015 meeting will be June 14th.

Meeting was closed singing "Shine in splendor".